

## Services to Youth - Year in Review July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

## Youth Ages 14-24\* **Served in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program served 10,374 youths age 14 to 24 during SFY 2019.

1,050 of these consumers were successfully placed in employment, with an average hourly wage of \$13.07

Employed young consumers worked an average of 26.7 hours per week.

During SFY2019, MRC served **5,017** high school and post-secondary education students with disabilities aged 14 to 22 through its VR Area Offices. MRC also operated Pre-Employment Transition Service (Pre-ETS) contracts with 34 vendors across the Commonwealth serving 946 VR eligible and potentially eligible students during SFY2019. These programs offer work-based learning experiences, job readiness and skills trainings, assistance with enrollment in post-secondary education and training programs, job exploration, and leadership/mentoring services to students with disabilities. A new revised procurement for these services is taking effect for FY2020.

During SFY2019, MRC served 238 students through its Transition Pathway Services demonstration grant program. This project provides a coordinated model of services including work-based learning experiences and other employment related skills and supports to facilitate future post-secondary enrollment and employment opportunities.

Who Are Our Young Consumers?	
Female	38.5%
Age Profile*	% Served
14-16	0.5%
17	4.5%
18	12.6%
19	17.5%
20	18.6%
21	15.7%
22	12.5%
23	9.9%
24	8.2%
Referral Source	
688 Referral	28.8%
Lead Education Agency	27.2%
TAC-Assigned	0.6%
Other Referral Source	43.4%
Disability Profile	
Sensory/Communicative	4.0%
Physical/Mobility	9.2%
Cognitive/Psychological	86.8%
*Age during Fiscal Year 2019	

## **FACTS AT A GLANCE**

The goal of our services is to promote dignity through employment and community living, one person at a time. We hope all citizens with disabilities in Massachusetts will have the opportunity to contribute as a productive member of their community and family as a result of services provided by the MRC.

> Youths actively receiving services 10,374 Youths enrolled in training/education programs 7,992 Average hourly wage for employed youths \$13.07